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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Second Committee (A/C.2/65/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/65/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth regular session of the Assembly (A/65/150), the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/65/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the addendum to the present note (A/C.2/65/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Practices and working methods

4. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316, in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and the practice of "question time".

Length of statements

5. The Second Committee has decided to limit statements on all agenda items to 5 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 10 minutes, with the understanding that the full texts of the statements can be circulated in the meeting

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room. Delegations wishing to have the full text of statements circulated should provide 250 copies of the same to the Conference Officers.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

6. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (North Lawn Building). In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

7. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal "informal" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; however, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the General Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

9. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 23 November 2010 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Week of 13-17 September 2010

Friday, 17 September

3 p.m.

Organization of work

Week of 4-8 October 2010

Monday, 4 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Discussion on the working methods of the Second Committee

General debate

Tuesday, 5 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Wednesday, 6 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*concluded*)

Week of 11-15 October 2010

Monday, 11 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 18: **Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

Tuesday, 12 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18 (b) and (c)

Wednesday, 13 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 25: **Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

Thursday, 14 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 19*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25

Friday, 15 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19

Week of 18-22 October 2010

Monday, 18 October[1]

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 23*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Tuesday, 19 October

6 p.m.. deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 23 (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 20 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 22*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(b) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

[1] There will be a lunchtime event on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Thursday, 21 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 24: **Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 (a) and (b)

Friday, 22 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 (a) and (b)

Week of 25-29 October 2010

Tuesday, 26 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 17: **Information and communications technologies for development**

Wednesday, 27 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 22: **Globalization and interdependence:**

(c) International migration and development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17

Thursday, 28 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Item 26: **Agriculture development and food security**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 22 (c)

Friday, 29 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 26

Week of 1-5 November 2010

Monday, 1 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Item 20: **Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh special session

(h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

(i) Harmony with Nature

Tuesday, 2 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) through (i)** (*concluded*)

3-6 p.m.

***Item 21*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

Wednesday, 3 November

3-6 p.m.

Dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20 (a) through (i) and item 21

Thursday, 4 November[2]

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 61*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

***Item 132*: Programme planning**

[2] There will be a lunchtime event on the occasion of World Food Day.

3-6 p.m.

***Item 18*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

Friday, 5 November

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 18 (a), 61 and 132

Week of 8-12 November 2010

Monday, 8 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2010 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

2010 United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Tuesday, 9 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 11 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 15-19 November 2010

Tuesday, 16 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 17 November

United Nations holiday (observed)

Thursday, 18 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 22-26 November 2010

Monday, 22 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on all outstanding items

Tuesday, 23 November

3-6 p.m.

Action on all outstanding items

***Item 120*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**[3]

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

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[3] The item is allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

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Addendum

Status of documentation for the session

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of documentation before the Second Committee as at 13 September 2010.

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Annex

Status of documentation for the Second Committee as at 13 September 2010

Item/sub-item of the provisional agenda[a] *Symbol/document title (mandate)*	*Author*	*Slot date of submission/ date of submission*	*Issued/scheduled to be issued*
17. Information and communication technologies for development			
A/65/64-E/2010/12			
Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (GA res. 64/187 and ECOSOC res. 2009/7)	UNCTAD		*Issued*
A/65/78-E/2010/68			
Note by the Secretary-General on the continuation of the Internet Governance Forum	DESA		*Issued*
A/65/276			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (GA res. 50/130)	DESA		*Issued*
18. Macroeconomic policy questions			
(a) International trade and development			
A/65/15 (Part I)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-eighth executive session (Geneva, 25 November 2009) (Supp. No. 15) (Part I) (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD		*Issued*
A/65/15 (Part II)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-ninth executive session (Geneva, 8-9 June 2010) (Supp. No. 15) (Part II) (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD	30 June 2010	

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A/65/15 (Part III)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fiftieth session (Geneva, 8 July 2010) (Supp. No. 15) (Part III) (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD	26 July 2010	
A/65/15 (Part IV)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-seventh regular session (Geneva, 15-28 September 2010) (Supp. No. 15) (Part IV) (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD	11 October 2010	
A/65/211			
Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (GA res. 64/188)	UNCTAD		*Issued*
(b) International financial system and development			
A/65/189			
Report of the Secretary-General on international financial system and development (GA res. 64/190)	DESA		*Issued*
(c) External debt sustainability and development			
A/65/155			
Report of the Secretary-General on external debt sustainability and development (GA res. 64/191)	UNCTAD		*Issued*
19. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference			
A/65/81-E/2010/83			
Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 18 and 19 March 2010) (ECOSOC res. 2009/30)	DESA		*Issued*

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A/65/130			
Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the fourth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (New York, 23 and 24 March 2010) (GA res. 64/193)	DESA		*Issued*
20. Sustainable development			
A/65/275			
Report of the Secretary-General on developments related to the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism on the basis of the reports of the World Tourism Organization (GA res. 60/190)	DESA	10 August 2010	
A/65/278			
Report of the Secretary-General on the oil slick on Lebanese shores (GA res. 64/195)	UNEP	11 August 2010	
A/65/88			
Letter dated 21 June 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			*Issued*
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development			
A/65/229			
Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the International Year of Forests, 2011 (GA res. 61/193 and A/64/274)	DESA		*Issued*
A/65/297			
Report of the Secretary-General on the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015 (GA res. 64/198)	DESA	16 August 2010	

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A/65/298			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (GA res. 47/191 and 64/236)	DESA	16 August 2010	
(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States			
A/65/115			
Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (GA res. 62/191, 63/213 and 64/199)	DESA		*Issued*
A/65/301			
Report of the Secretary-General on the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations (GA res. 63/214)	DESA	16 August 2010	
(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction			
A/65/___			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (GA res. 63/215, 63/217 and 64/200)	UN-ISDR	16 August 2010	
(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations			
(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa			
(f) Convention on Biological Diversity			

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A/65/294			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports submitted by the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and the Convention on Biological Diversity (*consolidated report*) (GA res. 64/73, 64/202 and 64/203)	DESA	13 August 2010	
(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its eleventh special session			
A/65/25			
Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eleventh special session (Bali, 24-26 February 2010) (Supp. No. 25) (GA res. 2997 (XXVII) and 64/204)	UNEP		*Issued*
(h) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development			
A/65/279			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (GA res. 59/237)	DESA	11 August 2010	
(i) Harmony with Nature			
A/65/314			
Report of the Secretary-General on harmony with nature (GA res. 64/196)	DESA	19 August 2010	

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21. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)			
A/65/302			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (ECOSOC dec. 2010/236)	DGACM		*Issued*
A/65/316			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (GA res. 64/207)	UN-Habitat	20 August 2010	
22. Globalization and interdependence			
(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence			
A/65/272			
Report of the Secretary-General on the major international economic and policy challenges for equitable and inclusive sustained economic growth and sustainable development, and of the role of the United Nations in addressing these issues in the light of the New International Economic Order (GA res. 64/209 and 64/210)	DESA		*Issued*
(b) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption			
A/65/90			
Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (GA res. 64/237)	UNODC		*Issued*

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A/65/212			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on its third session (Doha, 9-13 November 2009) (CAC/COSP/2009/15)	UNOV		*Issued*
(c) International migration and development			
A/65/203			
Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (GA res. 63/225)	DESA		*Issued*
23. Groups of countries in special situations			
(a) Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries			
A/65/80-E/2010/77			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (GA res. 64/213 and ECOSOC res. 2009/31)	OHRLLS		*Issued*
(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation			
A/65/215			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action and the Declaration on the midterm review (GA res. 64/214)	OHRLLS	3 August 2010	
24. Eradication of poverty and other development issues			
(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)			

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A/65/230 Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (GA res. 63/230 and 64/216)	DESA		*Issued*
A/65/267 Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty (GA res. 63/229)	DESA		*Issued*
(b) Industrial development cooperation			
A/65/220 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on industrial development cooperation (GA res. 63/231)	DESA		*Issued*
25. Operational activities for development: Operational activities for development of the United Nations system			
A/65/39 Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its sixteenth session (4 February 2010) (GA res. 62/209 and 63/233)	UNDP		*Issued*
A/65/79-E/2010/76 Report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2008 (GA res. 35/81, 59/250 and 62/208)	DESA		*Issued*
A/65/218 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (GA res. 39/125)	UNIFEM		*Issued*

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26. Agriculture development and food security			
A/65/73-E/2010/51			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note by the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security on the reform of the Committee and progress made towards implementation (GA res. 64/224)	DESA		*Issued*
A/65/253			
Report of the Secretary-General on agriculture development and food security (GA res. 64/224, para. 35)	DESA		*Issued*
61. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources			
A/65/72-E/2010/13			
Note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (GA res. 64/185 and ECOSOC res. 2009/34)	RCNYO		*Issued*
120. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly			
No request for advance documentation			
Item is allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly			
132. Programme planning			
No request for advance documentation			
Item is allocated to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports			

[a] A/65/150.